

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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Reserved Forest Land

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total reserved forest land in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether it is true that most of the Government's Organizations apart from private developers and industrialists are in illegal possession of reserved forest land and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to get reserved forest land vacated by the illegal occupants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) As per the India State of Forest Report 2015 by Forest Survey of India, State/UT wise details of Reserved Forest area are enclosed in Annexure-1.

(b) No such report that most of the Government's Organizations apart from private developers and industrialists are in illegal possession of reserved forest land has come to notice of the Ministry. However, the State/UT-wise details of the forest area under encroachments in the country are given in Annexure-II.

(c) Protection and Management of Forests is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Government and therefore the action to remove encroachment is taken as per the provisions of various acts such as Indian Forest Act, 1927; Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and other acts, rules & regulations framed by the States. The Ministry supplements the efforts of the States/UTs in protection and management of forests through Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS). Various measures such as setting up of check posts, barriers, use of modern technology, improved mobility to the field staff by providing vehicles for patrolling, survey and demarcation of forest areas and construction of boundary pillars are supported by the Ministry under this scheme.